

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jim DeMint
President
Heritage Foundation
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May 1, 2017

Dear Jim,

For the last two decades, you have served faithfully as a leading advocate for America at its best. You have consistently promoted our founding-era vision of America as a nation of empowered, flourishing citizens. You have inspired a new generation of leaders—at every level of government and society—to step forward and stand boldly behind the principles that have fostered the development of the greatest civilization the world has ever known. You have done so, moreover, with a degree of selflessness, sincerity, and humility scarcely observed in American politics.

And you have done so even when confronted by overwhelming opposition, bitter criticism, and nagging skepticism—not only from those who openly oppose your philosophical worldview, but occasionally (and quite painfully) from those who purport to embrace it. Facing these challenges with your disarming smile and infectious optimism, you have encouraged countless others (including each of us) to persist in spite of setbacks.

While it is impossible to calculate the precise impact of your service in Washington, we are confident that your positive influence will continue to be felt not only for years or decades, but through many generations.

As you prepare to take the next step in your fateful, courageous career, we applaud and thank you for being our leader, our friend, and our champion. We also express our gratitude to your wife and family, who have sacrificed much in supporting you through thick and thin. We look forward to witnessing God's plan for you and your family in the coming days.

Sincerely,

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